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Sir:

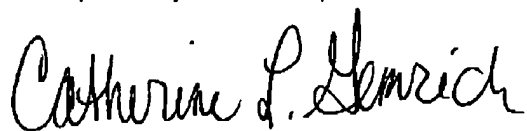
On September 28, 2004 Applicant filed a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally, a Request for Continued Exam, and an Amendment and Response to Official Action.

Applicant previously filed a Response to the Official Action on August 17, 2004. That Response was not entered. Applicant specifically requests non-entry of the Response filed August 17, 2004.

Applicant requests that further examination on the merits be based on the Response filed September 28, 2004.

Applicant believes no fee is due. If a fee is required please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account Number 04-2219, referencing our docket number 5746.

Respectfully submitted,



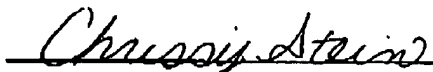
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